

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF YORK
YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA

Ordinance

At a regular meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors held in the Board Room, York Hall, Yorktown, Virginia, on the ____ day of ____, 2004:

Present

Vote

Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr., Chairman
James S. Burgett, Vice Chairman
Walter C. Zaremba
Sheila S. Noll
Kenneth L. Bowman

On motion of _____, which carried ____, the following ordinance was adopted:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND YORK COUNTY CODE SECTION 4-3 WITH RESPECT TO TRAINING REQUIRED OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS AND DEPUTY ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS, TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF HOUSE BILL 144 ADOPTED BY THE 2004 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BE IT ORDAINED by the York County Board of Supervisors, this ____ day of _____, 2004, that section 4-3, York County Code, be and it is hereby amended to read and provide as follows:

Sec. 4-3. Animal control officer—Generally.

- (a) There is hereby created and established the position of animal control officer. The animal control officer shall be appointed by the board of supervisors. The board may appoint one (1) or more deputy animal control officers to assist the animal control officer ~~in dog inspection activities and in dog law enforcement~~ with enforcement of all county ordinances and state laws enacted for animal control and protection. The animal control officer and any deputy animal control officers shall have all authority granted to such officers by the Virginia Comprehensive Animal Control Laws, Chapter 27.4 of Title 3.1 of the Code of Virginia. The animal control officer and the deputy animal control officers shall be paid as the county board of supervisors shall prescribe.

- (b) The animal control officer and deputy animal control officer shall have a knowledge of and shall enforce the provisions of this chapter and all ordinances of the county and laws of the state enacted for animal control and protection.
- (c) Whenever the term "animal control officer" is used in this chapter, it shall mean the animal control officer appointed pursuant to this section or any duly appointed deputy animal control officer.
- (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the issuance of a warrant for any violation of this chapter based upon the complaint of any citizen or any law enforcement officer and upon a finding of probable cause by an officer authorized to issue arrest warrants generally.
- (e) Every animal control officer and deputy animal control officers shall complete the following training: Within two years after appointment, a basic animal control course that has been approved by the ~~Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services and the~~ State Veterinarian which shall include training in recognizing suspected child abuse and neglect and information on how complaints may be filed, and thereafter shall complete such additional training as may be required by the Code of Virginia.